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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION OF TEXT)

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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND TO JALLUD'S VISIT TO FRANCE

1. WE ARE INCLINED TO SEE JALLUD'S VISIT TO PARIS
IN THE CONTEXT OF AN ATTEMPT TO BALANCE SOVIET INFLUENCE
BY SEEKING AN ALTERNATIVE TO SOVIET ARMS SUPPLIES. THIS
MAY ACCOUNT IN PART FOR HIGH VALUE LIBYANS ARE PLACING
ON THEIR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AT THE MOMENT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION ONE INFORMANT TELLS US THAT ACTING LIBYA
FOREIGN MINISTER DURDAY IS UNHAPPY WITH THE SOVIET ATTITUDE
ON TWO KEY POINTS: THE SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS FOR SOVIET
ARMS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBYAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON
ATOMIC ANERGY. DURDAH IS REPORTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE
SOVEITS ARE DELIBERATELY HOLDING UP THE DELIVERY OF
SPARES AND DELAYING ACTION ON THE BUILDING OF NUCLEAR
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POWER FACILITIES AGREED UPON BEFORE KOSYGIN'S VISIT

HERE LAST MAY. ALTHOUGH IT WAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HERE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD AGREED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT THE NINE-POINT AGREEMENT BY NOVEMBER, 1975, WITH THE LIBYAN SIDE TO MAKE A DECISION WITHIN TWO MONTHS, NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. A LIBYAN DELEGATION WHICH VISITED MOSCOW IN JANUARY INCLUDING THE MINISTER FOR ELECTRICITY, PRESUMABLY DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT.

3. THE LIBYAN-ALGERIAN RAPPROCHEMENT IS CLEARLY ANOTHER RELATED FACTOR. AFTER HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD, JALLUD DESCRIBED LIBYA AND ALGERIA AS NATURAL ALLIES, AN INDICATION HE MADE A PITCH FOR FRENCH SUPPORT OF ALGERIA AS FELLOW NORTH AFRICAN "PROGRESSIVE".

4. APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY ADDRESSEES.
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